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Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau released the seventh annual Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report to comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). A large majority of Montana's public schools met the federal education requirements.

The report shows 603 (73 %) of Montana's 823 public schools currently meet the requirements of the federal law which is an increase of 14 schools from 2008.

Each spring, students in grades three through eight and grade ten participate in assessments in Reading and Math. In addition, students in grades four, eight and ten are tested in science. The assessments are aligned to state standards outlining what students should know and be able to do.

AYP is measured using reading and math scores from the test, participation rates, attendance, and graduation rates. Test results are reported for ten specific student groups including race/ethnicity, family income, limited English proficiency, and students with disabilities.

A school makes AYP only if each of the student groups within the school meets the federal requirements. If any of the student groups in the tested grades do not meet the performance targets for math or reading; participation; attendance; or graduation then the entire school does not make AYP. There are 41 categories a school must meet to make AYP. The No Child Left behind Act requires that 100 percent of students demonstrate proficiency by 2013-2014.

"Students and teachers have been working very hard to improve test scores in reading, math and science. Their effort is demonstrated by the progress in our overall academic performances statewide." Juneau stated.

The AYP status of each Montana school and district is summarized on the Office of Public Instruction's web site at: [www.opi.mt.gov/AYP](http://www.opi.mt.gov/AYP)